

REMARKS

Claim 2 has been canceled, and claims 1, 3, 4 and 5 have been amended herein. Hence, claims 1 and 3-6 are currently pending. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Drawings

Section 1 of the office action objected to the informal drawings due to line quality. A replacement set of formal drawings is enclosed.

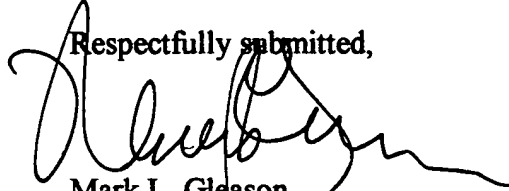
Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The office action rejected claim 1 under 35 USC 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Cowan. Without going into the merits of the rejection under section 102, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 2, which was identified in the office action as including allowable subject matter. Claim 5, which was also identified as including allowable subject matter, was placed in independent form. Therefore, the claims are all in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

As evidenced by the foregoing remarks, Applicant has made a genuine effort to respond to each issue raised in the office action. All of the pending claims are believed to be proper for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at 952.474.3701 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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